

REMARKS

Claims 19 and 21 have been cancelled. Claim 18 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of cancelled claim 19. Claim 20 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of cancelled claim 21. Claim 25 has been amended in independent form. Claims 18, 20 and 22-30, as amended, remain in the application.

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamilton in view of Mortimer. Claims 19-30 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamilton and Mortimer as applied to claim 18, and further in view of one to six additional references.

The rejections of claims 19 and 21 are made moot by the cancellation of claims 19 and 21. The rejections of claims 18, 20, 22-30 are respectfully traversed with respect to claims 18, 20 and 22-30, as amended.

Claim 18, as amended, defines a combination of elements including a lecture terminal configured to send, to the listener terminals, the index information for specifying a range in which the book information is to be displayed. As defined by claim 18, the first reader reads, from the listener recording medium, the book information in the range specified in the index information.

A similar combination of elements is not disclosed or suggested in any of the cited references. In clear contrast to claim 18, Fernandez discloses a CD book 30 that specifies a page number to be displayed on a display of the CD book itself, and sends the page number to the computer 10. There is no teaching or suggestion in Fernandez of a combination including a lecture terminal configured to send, to the listener terminals, the "index information" for specifying a range in which the book information is to be displayed (as in the present invention).

Claim 20, as amended, defines a combination of elements in which the lecture recording medium and the listener recording medium record the lecture information and the book information. Therefore, for example, in accordance with the invention defined by claim 20 both a text book and a

notebook can be stored in the recording medium. A similar combination of elements is not disclosed or suggested in any of the cited references.

Claim 22, as amended, defines a combination of elements in which the lecture-written information is recorded in the recording medium and the listener recording medium records the lecture information and the book information. Therefore, for example, both a text book and a notebook can be stored in the recording medium. A similar combination of elements is not disclosed or suggested in any of the cited references.

Claim 24, as amended, defines a combination of elements in which the first writer records a plurality of information pieces displayed by the first display on the listener recording medium. Therefore, the lecture-written information may be sent from the lecture terminal and the listener-written information may be input by the listener. This would include, for example, the textbook, the information written by the teacher, and the memorandums input by the student in the recording medium of the students. A similar combination of elements is not disclosed or suggested in any of the cited references.

Claims 25 and 26, as amended, define a combination of elements including means for managing listener attendance. A similar combination, including means for managing listener attendance, is not disclosed in Sanford or Lee.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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